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Sincerely,

Robert J. Schneider

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Filed: August 27, 2003	)	Confirmation No.: 4697
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For: METHOD AND DEVICE	)	
FOR PULVERIZING	)	
AND GRANULATING MELTS	)	

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Greetings:

The following is filed in timely response to the Office Action mailed on June 23, 2006,  
wherein the Examiner:

1. Required restriction to one of the following inventions:
  - I: Claims 10-15, drawn to a process for pulverizing melts.
  - II: Claims 16-36, drawn to an apparatus for pulverizing melts.
2. Rejected Claims 10-15 under Section 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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3. Rejected Claims 10 and 11 as unpatentable over Edlinger, PCT Publication No. WO 02/04154, in view of Barnard, U.S. Patent No. 3,063,093.

4. Rejected Claims 12 and 13 as unpatentable over Edlinger, PCT Publication No. WO 02/04154, in view of Barnard as applied to Claims 10 and 11 above, and further in view of Edlinger, PCT Publication No. WO 01/62987.

5. Rejected Claims 14 and 15 as unpatentable over Edlinger, PCT Publication No. WO 02/04154, in view of Barnard as applied to Claims 10 and 11 above, and further in view of Searight et al., U.S. Patent No. 3,138,444.

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.